

For Immediate Release
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916-327-8988**BOE UPDATES STATE'S TOP 250 LIST OF SALES AND USE TAX DEBTORS***Public Disclosure Aimed at Reducing Tax Gap*

The State Board of Equalization (BOE) today updated the online list of the top sales tax debtors at www.boe.ca.gov. The BOE replaced eleven names on its list of debtors with new delinquencies with a total of \$8.17 million in sales tax owed.

Since January 1, 2007, the BOE is mandated by state law to post a list of the largest 250 delinquencies of more than \$100,000 in tax after notifying the debtors that their tax liabilities will be disclosed to the public. The taxpayers identified to be listed are notified 30 days before their information is posted.

Since the inception of this program, nine taxpayers, whose account balances represent a total of \$5.4 million in sales and use tax, have come forward to take care of their debts: six through payment agreements and three by making payments in full. The list, updated quarterly, currently includes \$283.54 million in liabilities. Tax liabilities under appeal, litigation, or bankruptcy proceedings are not included. Below is a list of eleven newly added businesses with the largest delinquent sales and use tax accounts.

| <u>Registered Business Name</u> | <u>Doing Business As (DBA)</u> | <u>City/State</u> | <u>Liability Amount Due</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ROLANDO ANTONIO GUERRA | | SAN PEDRO, CA | \$2,118,241.80 |
| SHAUKAT MAREIDIA | CIGARETTE KING | SUGAR LAND, TX | \$1,258,726.54 |
| CIRO EDMUNDO LINCK | J.M. AUTO SALES | LOS ANGELES, CA | \$836,501.90 |
| MATTHEW ALOYSIUS VALENTINE | | HOT SPRINGS, AZ | \$821,310.56 |
| CHELINI AND UERLING, INC | THE CAR STORE | SAN DIEGO, CA | \$491,928.83 |
| JOYCE MENKE | | CLEAR LAKE, IA | \$479,297.16 |
| HAYAT CAR RENTAL SYSTEMS, INC. | | SAN JOSE, CA | \$456,003.33 |
| TAM TO NGUYEN | | CORAL SPRINGS, FL | \$459,125.37 |
| PAUL ANDREW MONEA | | CANTON, OH | \$456,714.03 |
| JADCO CHEMICAL | CHEMLOGIS | TUALATIN, OR | \$432,767.50 |
| RONALD M. KILLEN | FAMILY BOAT CENTER | BIG BEAR LAKE, CA | \$363,158.27 |
| TOTAL | | | \$8,173,775.29 |

For a complete list of the top 250 sales tax debtors, visit: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/deliq.cgi>

The five-member State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects nearly \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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